

"God's Presence & Salvation"

John 1:9-14.

The **Mystery** - Before Time - John 1:1-5

The **Witness** - Of Divine Light - John 1:6-8

The **Gift** - God's Presence & God's Salvation - John 1:9-14

The **Witness** - Of Divine Preeminence - John 1:15

The **Mystery** - In Time - John 1:16-18

John 1:9-14 - The Gift - God's Presence & God's Salvation - 3 Truths:

Starting Point - **Living in Darkness; Rejecting Jesus; outside of the family** - (9-11)

Rejection - John 12:37-43; Romans 9:1-5

Changing Point - **Coming into Light; receiving and believing in Jesus; becoming God's children** - (12-13)

Encountering Jesus - John 3; Ezekiel 36:24-27

Life Changer - **Becoming flesh; Dwelling among us; Exposing Grace & Truth; as the only Son of the Father** - (14)

Conclusion: Jesus is the full glory of God in human form, a gift of infinite worth and his primary testifier is John the Baptist who fulfilled Old Testament prophecy by crying in the wilderness and pointing to Jesus as the promised Messiah.

- God's Great Salvation -

First, our blindness is so sure and overwhelming that someone had to point out the light that needed to be seen. (John 3:19-20; John 9)

Second, our blindness is overcome by God's power and this is revealed in the Greek δὲ of verse 12 and in verse 4 of Ephesians 2:1-10. Both indicate that God breaks in—just like Jesus did in the incarnation.